



State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

Green and Healthy School Grant

Program Description:

The Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Natural Resources have coordinated efforts to encourage public and private schools to “lead by example” as they strive to conserve our natural resources and maintain healthy and safe school environments for successful learning and cleaner living. Green & Healthy Schools is a web-based, voluntary program available to all schools across Wisconsin. The program encourages teachers, staff, students, and parents to work together to use the school, its grounds and the community as learning tools to teach, promote and apply healthy, safe and environmentally sound practices.

Schools that have met the criteria for Green & Healthy School recognition and have submitted a completed grant application prior to May 1, 2005 will be reimbursed for some of the expenditures for the time and/or resources they may have incurred in the first year of the implementation of the program. Eligible expenditures may include, but are not limited to, team work, personal protection equipment, pedestrian and/or parking signs, record keeping supplies, the purchase of monitoring equipment, and recycling signs, decals and/or containers.

This grant, funded by the Department of Natural Resources through the Department of Public Instruction, is only applicable to the 2004-05 school year. A total of \$20,000 will be available, however, the awards will be pro-rated dependent upon the number of schools that apply for the grant. The maximum a school could receive is \$1,000. Grant awards will be distributed by May 31, 2005.

Eligibility and Grant Application:

1. Participation is open to all public and private elementary, middle and high schools across Wisconsin.
2. A one-page grant application letter must be submitted, along with the school's application to become a Green & Healthy School, prior to May 1, 2005. The grant application letter must include the following:
 - a. the signature of their Green & Healthy Team leader and the school principal,
 - b. a statement that the school would agree to be a resource for other schools who have pledged to become a Green & Healthy School,
 - c. a statement that allows the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Natural Resources to share the school's experiences on the Green & Healthy Schools web site and in other promotional settings, and
 - d. a second page listing the type of service or purchase and the corresponding expenditure(s) incurred to gain recognition as a Green & Healthy School, up to \$1,000.

3. Applications may be submitted to:
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